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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To: Faculty and Students
Northern Michigan University

From: John X. Jamrich, President 

During the past several weeks there have been a number of instances of "speakers" appearing on the Northern Michigan University campus who have taken that opportunity to make certain allegations regarding University policy. On the basis of what has been reported, their statements and allegations are clear distortions of the facts. They appear to be motivated by something other than interest in the well-being of the University.

As in the past, we shall continue to provide for the fullest freedom of expression, but I must denounce these efforts to undermine the welfare of the University.

If there are concerns, we have the Academic Senate, the ASNME, and the Human Rights Commission for discussion and consideration of such problems. Those who are making these statements should, if they have a concern, present them with supporting evidence. The principle "innocent until proven guilty" is as applicable to the University as it is to any individual. If they cannot be specific and present evidence, we must continue to distinguish between fact and malicious distortion.

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